

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Oconee County Council Meeting was held September 21, 1982 at 3:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with all members present for the Public Hearings.

Members of the press present: Sharon Lucas - Anderson Independent, Glen Gannaway - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WSNW Radio, Dave Givens - Greenville News & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor - Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the September 7, 1982 meeting be adopted as printed.

First on the agenda was a Public Hearing concerning two subdivisions that were inadvertently left off the list at the August 17, 1982 Public Hearing. (See attached list of those present)

Mr. Jack Crowe, a resident of Cane Creek Landing told Council that when he bought property in Cane Creek Landing he was told it would be turned over to the county and paved. He understood that it was already a county road and since the road is not paved he could not get full value of his home if he were to try to sell it.

Mrs. C. D. Corbin, Jr., also a resident of Cane Creek Landing said when they purchased their lot they were also under the impression it was a county road but the right-of-way had never been recorded. They were told this by their real estate agent, John M. Powell.

Mr. Brandt pointed out that all these subdivisions conditionally accepted under the 1975 Ordinance were being carried under a grandfather clause at this time.

Next on the agenda was a Public Hearing on Ordinance 82-11, "Water Treatment Referendum". Dr. Earle pointed out that at this time there is enough water for the municipalities and outlining areas until the 21st century, but it would be advantageous to have a back up system for a reserve and for fire protection.

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Several county residents wanted to know if Council felt this was necessary at this time, how it would be financed and if there would be double billing for such a service.

Council pointed out that a study by Russel & Axon had indicated that Oconee County had enough water to last for twenty years and if the people thought it would benefit the county they should vote for a water referendum and if they thought it would not benefit the county they should vote no.

Mr. Crain expressed Council's appreciation to the residents who attended the public hearings.

At this time there was a three minute recess, at which time Mr. Brandt had to leave.

At the recommendation of Ms. Ann Yelton Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to approve a budget of \$9,999 in state funds appropriated to the Children's Home.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to accept as a lease a letter of intent from Mr. Hugh Brown for the Magistrate's Office in Seneca. Also Mr. Brown is to furnish the paint and the County will furnish prison labor to paint the building.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to lease from Mr. Dan Rankin a building for the Health Department. The rent is \$225 per month for the first year and \$250 per month the second year. It is a two party building and should the other side of the building become vacant Oconee County will pay half the utilities for a five month period.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle to lease a portion of the old Depot in Westminster for the Health Department. The rent is \$150 per month including utilities for the first year with the option to negotiate cost per month the second year. Also to include \$250 in the supplemental appropriations to make up the deficit in the money appropriated for this. The motion was adopted 3 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) with Mr. Butts abstaining for the following reason:

"Under Article 7, Section 8-13-460 of the South Carolina Ethics Commission I am required by law to excuse myself of any vote or deliberation on this matter concerning the City of Westminster & Health Department. The reason being I am an employee of the City of Westminster and it would be a potential conflict of interest."

Dr. Earle presented Ordinance 82-10, "Industrial Revenue Bonds for Pattillo Construction Co." and made a motion it be adopted on third and final reading. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts and approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent).

Dr. Earle presented Ordinance 82-11, "Water Treatment Referendum" and made a motion it be adopted on second reading. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent).

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to appoint Mr. Michael A. Miller to the Sewer Commission with his term expiring September 21, 1986 and Mr. L. J. McCarley to the Planning Commission with his term expiring December 31, 1985.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to take \$281.92 from contingency to pay the South Carolina Retirement System to establish eight months of non member service during 1963 - 64 and 1964 - 65.

Mr. Crain informed Council that the Oconee Rural Fire Commission had received a grant from the Forest Commission in the amount of \$1,024 to be used for capital expenditures.

Mr. Crain read to Council a letter from the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control regarding ground water monitoring at the Oconee County Sanitary Landfill. (see attached letter)

Mr. Crain announced that as of August 30, 1982, \$272,613 in direct assistance administered by the county on behalf of the state had not been claimed and the fiscal year ends September 30, 1982, any of these coupons not used by this time will no longer be valid.

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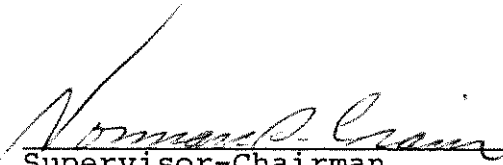
Mr. Crain announced the county had inquired of the Corps of Engineers on the possibility of extending the agreements on the boat ramps. The Corps has sent new lease agreements, a condition of renewing these leases is that the county have liability insurance on these ramps. The county has checked into this and it will cost the county \$572 to insure the seven boat ramps. There was no decision made on the leases and they were made available for Council to study.

Mr. Crain also announced that the insurance on some of the buildings had been upgraded as per attached sheet.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 4 - 0 (Mr. Brandt absent) to give the developers whose subdivisions had been inadvertently left off the list at the first Public Hearing from 60 to 90 days to make arrangements to have their roadways paved.

Mr. Crain announced a need to extend the deadline for the DAR Road and the Lowell Ross road in that there had been a mix up as to which road Mr. Ross had originally paid to have surface treated.

Adjourn 4:55 P.M.

  
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Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council